

WELLSBORO SHADE TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2024

The Wellsboro Shade Tree Commission met in the council room of the Wellsboro Municipal Building on March 11, 2024. All who were present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members of the Shade Tree Commission present were Scott Nichols, Brian Kennedy, Tim Morey and Tyler Upham. Also present were Borough Manager Lou Rachiele and Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: None

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2024: Tim Morey approved the minutes as written and Tyler Upham 2nd. Passed.

SPRING PLANTING: There will be 10 trees with a proposed delivery date of April 9, 2024.

TREE CITY USA: Has been approved on first level.

TREE TENDERS CERTIFICATES: Copies of certificate will be made for the file.

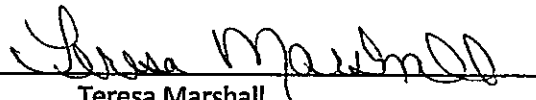
REPORT FROM VINNIE CONTRONE ON MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY TREES: Brian Kennedy read an e mail from Vinny Controne on maintenance of their street trees and most of the small communities did not maintain their trees. There was discussion of a bigger area and what they did. It was suggested that we do a five year program to give the trees a jump start on life and then make it the owner's responsibility. A certified arborist should be used for the business district. It was also suggested training DWP workers for pruning. We need to complete the inventory and prioritize streets for removal of invasive trees. Applying for the C2D2 grant for this year to use in 2025 could work for large tree maintenance or replacement plan. Need to look at dollar amounts that council would go along. Outreach is important along with what is the lawn area for those with sidewalks and those without.

C2PS GRANT: Tyler Upham made a recommendation to move forward with the grant and Brian Kennedy is going to check on. Brian Kennedy made the motion to go ahead if it is deemed feasible or beneficial after investigation and e mail. Tim Morey 2nd.

HAZARDOUS TREE REQUEST: Brian Kennedy has one potential tree on Park Place that a request has been made to look at. Penn Dot needs recommendations for what type of trees could be planted on their property. Another discussion was a tree on West Ave that is a danger due to a large limb that is ready to come down. Have not heard from owner. A motion was made by Brian Kennedy to send a certified letter to owner if no response within a certain amount of days, we will remove and bill them due to public safety. Tim Morey 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOURN: Brian Kennedy made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Tim Morey 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by 
Teresa Marshall